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Note by the Secretariat

By its resolution 2002/8 of 24 July 2002, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"International cooperation in the fight against transnational organized crime: assistance to States in capacity-building with a view to facilitating the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the protocols thereto

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its resolution 55/25 of 15 November 2000, in which it adopted the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and its resolution 55/255 of 31 May 2001, in which it adopted the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,

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"*Recalling also* its resolution 56/120 of 19 December 2001, in which it requested the Secretary-General to provide the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat with the resources necessary to enable it to promote, in an effective manner, the entry into force and implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, and encouraged Member States to make adequate voluntary contributions to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund, in accordance with article 30 of the Convention, for the provision of technical assistance to developing countries and countries with economies in transition for the implementation of those international legal instruments,

"*Reaffirming* its deep concern over the impact of transnational organized crime on the political, social and economic stability and development of societies,

"*Reaffirming also* that the adoption of the Convention and the Protocols thereto is a significant development in international criminal law and that they constitute important instruments for effective international cooperation against transnational organized crime,

"1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on promoting the ratification of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto;[1]

"2. *Welcomes* the fact that a number of States have already ratified the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime[2] and the Protocols thereto,[3] and reiterates the importance of ensuring the speedy entry into force of those instruments in accordance with its resolutions 55/25 and 55/255;

"3. *Commends* the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat for its work in promoting the ratification of the Convention and the Protocols thereto;

"4. *Welcomes* the proposed action by the Centre for International Crime Prevention, described in the report of the Secretary-General,[1] to promote the early entry into force and implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto;

"5. *Also welcomes* the financial support provided by several donors to promote the entry into force and implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, and further encourages Member States to make sufficient voluntary contributions to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund for the provision of technical assistance to developing countries and countries with economies in transition for the implementation of those international legal instruments;

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[1] E/CN.15/2002/10.

[2] Resolution 55/25, annex I.

[3] Resolutions 55/25, annexes II and III, and 55/255, annex.

"6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Centre for International Crime Prevention with the resources necessary to enable it to promote, in an effective manner, the entry into force and implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto;

"7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution in his report on the work of the Centre for International Crime Prevention to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session."